

Remarks

The Examiner has indicated that the Claims' status presented in the Amendment dated Jan. 12, 2005 are in non-compliance. Every effort has been made to properly indicate the status of each claim to be entered in the concurrent Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The status of "twice amended" has been replaced with "currently amended," at the Examiner's request. It should be noted that this requested designation, in fact, presents less information to the Examiner as the claims' status, than does the originally presented status designation.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting a personal interview on January 12, 2005. Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. During the personal interview it was agreed that a *sequence of "address locations"* is not taught or shown by the cited prior art. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended to recite a *predetermined sequence of address locations* rather than a *predetermined sequence of data values*, as requested by the Examiner. Thus, the rejections to Claims 1, 11 and 21 and their progeny are overcome.

During the personal interview it was also agreed that the cited prior art does not show that the host and one or more second devices (memory devices) are directly coupled to the memory bus. Claim 31 is amended to recite a *memory bus directly coupled to both a host and one or more second devices, the memory bus to communicate a plurality of data values between the host and said one or more second devices*. Thus, the rejections to Claim 31 and its progeny are overcome.

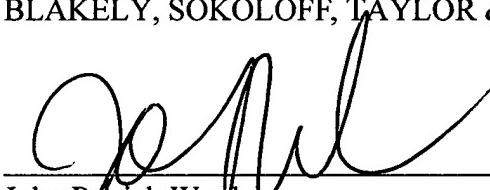
It was also agreed that Claims 33 and 34, as originally added and amended, are not anticipated by the cited prior art. Claim 33 is rewritten in independent form as new Claim 39, to avoid unnecessarily including limitations currently added to Claim 31. Previously amended Claim 34 is now Claim 40. Thus, all of the pending claims are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-40 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative Joni D. Stutman-Horn at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP


John Patrick Ward
Reg. No. 40,216

Date: February 22, 2005

12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1030
(408) 720-8300